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My Dear Miss Weston,

I received your little paper safely, and was very glad to receive some sign from you once more. My last letter, I fear, was an exaggerated sort of affair, and not improved by being carried a couple of weeks or so in James's pocket. I was sorry that it went at all after that.

I should like very much to hear from you if you can find time to write. I should like to know how you all are, and where you are, and what news you get from Paris, what your sisters think of Napoleon "the little" &c. - We are all well, and are going on in the same old way. I do not think, however, that mother seems quite as well, mentally, as she did a year ago.

Ellen spent a good portion of the winter at Georgetown, 8 or 9 weeks. She returned the first week in January, very well pleased with her visit, and very much pleased with her home - again.

I think she would not wish to reside in the District, though the air must have been good for her, for she gained flesh amazingly. - She sends her love to you, and wants to know when you are going to make that long-promised visit? Indeed it seems as though we were quite losing sight of you. Mrs Christow - visits us occasionally, and writes more frequently - so we are rather better informed of her movements.

I read your report, and "Little Mary's letter". I should think you had been very successful in your Bazaar - this year, but what a patience-provoking task it must be to keep the "run" so of every box, and almost every article. How do you manage to be so thoroughly acquainted with the use, fitness and adaptation of such a host of pretty things?

I was surprised that you did not ascribe more direct results, - "material aid", - to the influence of Uncle Sam's Cabin - I should have thought it would have given a great impetus to your cause, particularly in the Northern States. Though, for my own part, I will frankly confess, that interested as I ^{am} was in the book, it had no effect on my purse.

strings, and I suppose the same was true of many
another. "What a life-long attachment yours has been
to "The Cause"! - and how ardently you have devoted
yourself to it! And I think, in some measure, you
have reaped a reward; at least the tone of public
feeling has very much changed here at least. Now
I myself feel slavery is an evil, a sin. - I hope it
will one day cease from among us, - but I could not
so devote myself to its effecting that object as you do,
nor do I think much about it, except when the
matter is thus especially brought up. I find all
my scholars, even the youngest, have read "Uncle
Tom" with pleasure - but Mrs Charlbury would neither
read it herself, nor let her children; yet, (though
I suppose you may be inclined to doubt it) I believe
her to be a sincere and conscientious Christian.
They do not look upon holding slaves, as we do at
the North. Ellen thinks they ^(the Southern) are really objects of
pity - they are so tried and tormented with
their slaves; - and a friend of mine, - a strong "free-
soiler" by the way, - who has been teaching in Georgia
for a year, has come home with the opinion that "the

whites are more slaves to the blacks, than the blacks
to the whites" Indeed I can perfectly sympathise with
"Aunt Ophelia". I like the colonization scheme very
well. We have had several Episcopal missionaries, ^{to Liberia} ~~preach~~
for us, who have excited quite an interest. By the way,
what do you think of Episcopacy - we have ^{been} a Church
for some years back; I like the service and the preaching
but looking at it lately rather more deeply, I do not
know that I could give a reason for the belief that is
in me - as regards their subservience to the Prayer-
Book &c &c - After all, it seems to me that the mere
form of religious belief is of little consequence - provided
it be that best fitted to train the heart aright -

How many great changes have taken
place since I wrote you in August - At this
present time, such surprising and unexpected and
stirring events are constantly taking place - that
for one cannot pretend to keep up with the times -
Do you not think this a marked era in the world's
history? It seems so to me as from my quiet little
corner in life, I look at the busy whirl, - making my own
comments very much to your amusement doubtless -
However that may be - believe me ever your most truly
Write soon, if possible.